



Newsletter

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New officers of the ISR began their terms in April.

Left to right: James Borgstede, secretary-general; Hans Ringertz, past president; Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, president; Jan Labuscagne, president-elect; Ricardo Garcia Monaco, treasurer.

NEW COMMITTEES TO SPARK ISR PROJECTS

International Society of Radiology activities for the next two years will have the benefit of newly appointed committees relating to other international organizations and electronic educational presentations, said the newly installed president, Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis of Heraklion, Greece.

Within the existing International Commission on Radiologic Education, he created expanded committees for the preparation of virtual congress, for continuation of the GoRad segment of the ISR website and a program committee to help development of scientific agendas for international congresses. He also created a new Advisory Board for International Affairs in Radiology, an international relations committee and a working group to review the ISR bylaws.

The election of current members of the ISR Executive Committee and the designation of the new

committees took place on 11 April at a session of the ISR International Committee during the 2010 International Congress of Radiology in Shanghai, China.

Dr. Gourtsoyiannis, selected as president-elect in 2008, succeeded Hans Ringertz of Stockholm, Sweden as president. Dr. Ringertz became past-president. The new president-elect was Jan Labuscagne of Bunbury, Australia. Chosen as secretary-general was James Borgstede of Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and the new treasurer was Ricardo Garcia Monaco of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

An election of national member societies to sponsor members of the Executive Committee resulted in the re-election of Luis Donoso Bach of Barcelona, Spain and Renato A. Mendonca of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The three new members were Xiaoyuan Feng of Shanghai, representing China, Guy Frija of Paris, representing France, and Richard Baron of Chicago, representing the Radiological Society of North America. The RSNA had joined the ISR in November 2009 as a national society.

The five Executive Committee members representing the continental societies included John Patti of Boston, Massachusetts, for the American College of Radiology, Maximilian Reiser of Munich, Germany, for the European Society of Radiology, Hassen Gharbi of Tunisia, for the African Society of Radiology, Byung Ihn Choi of Seoul, Korea, for the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology and Rodrigo Restrepo of Medellin, Colombia, for the InterAmerican College of Radiology.

Appointed as the new chairman of the International Commission on Radiology Education was James Brink of New Haven, Connecticut, USA. Three committees relating to educational projects were assigned to the ICRE.

Beginning in 2007, Drs. Donoso and Garcia had prepared the two existing virtual congresses contained in the ISSR website. They were committed to creation of a third and subsequent virtual congresses. Named as members of the working committee to assist with new virtual congresses are Dr. Feng of China, Valentin Sinitsyn of Moscow, Russia, Alejandro Beresnak of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jose Venancio of Lisbon, Portugal, Andras Palko of Szeged, Hungary, Ruzica Maksimovic of Belgrade, Serbia and Malgorzata Szczerbo-Trojanowska of Lublin, Poland

Eric Stern, of Seattle, Washington, USA, who created the GoRad listing of selected papers from 21 leading journals, was asked to continue that project.

The new International Program Committee was led by Renato Mendonca of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is the scientific secretary of the Radiology Congress of Sao Paulo and the sponsor of ICR 2012. The vice-chairman is Carlo Bartolozzi of Pisa, Italy. Other members are Drs. Feng, Stern, Luis Marti-Bonmati of Valencia, Spain, and Martine Remy-Jardin of Lille, France.

A new structure is the Advisory Board for International Affairs in Radiology, to be led by Dr. Ringertz. Serving with him will be Drs. Frija, Patti and Lawrence Lau of Melbourne, Australia.

The ISR also intends to invite liaison representatives to serve on this board from the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Commission on Radiological Protection and the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurement and possibly other international organizations.

A new International Relations Committee to work with international medical groups will be led by the president-elect, Dr. Labuscagne, together with Drs. Gharbi and Baron.

The webmasters (www.isradiology.org) continue as Drs. Garcia, Donoso and Nouredine Chakir of Rabat, Morocco.



The ISR Executive Committee met during ICR 2010 in April in Shanghai, China.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a privilege and a substantial responsibility to become the president of the International Society of Radiology. The ISR, with our 87 national radiology societies and our five continental societies has the commitment for helping the education of radiologists in all of those areas and the obligation to represent our specialty with other international organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations and other political and scientific organizations.

The first International Congress of Radiology was held in 1925. At the seventh congress, in 1953, the formal structure of the ISR was created. Since then, the ISR has continued as the sponsor of international congresses, now biennially, and has expanded its activities to offer other educational projects to our members around the world. A few years ago, we created a website (www.isradiology.org) and since then, it has grown to contain educational projects now available via our computers to radiologists and trainees around the world.

So my obligation is to continue and expand our educational efforts, to maintain our liaison with other international organizations, to expand our projects and to reach out to our national societies to encourage their participation in our activities. Most importantly, I need to persuade society officers to tell their members about our website contents and other activities and to encourage members to participate. One of the first things I have done is to create some new

committees to expand our activities. The committees and members are listed in the article above. I expect we will have new and effective projects to announce in coming months.

I need to repeat a message expressed by previous presidents. One of our continuing problems is current and reliable communication with the leaders of our national radiology societies. This Newsletter is mailed to our society officers because many of you have not furnished us with email addresses. It is also posted on our website, where anyone in radiology can share our news. Please send us the current names of officers and the addresses (including email) for your societies.

Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis,
ISR president

ICR 2010 "GREAT SUCCESS"

More than 1000 radiologists, trainees and other persons in radiology attended the 26th International Congress of Radiology (ICR 2010) 8-12 April in Shanghai, China, for what ISR President Hans Ringertz called a "great successful meeting."

The scientific program included presentations from more than 100 invited speakers from nations around the world. Some 25 leading radiology suppliers had commercial exhibits. The congress was organized by the Chinese Society of Radiology with the logistical support of the Chinese Medical Association and endorsements by the European Society of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology, the American College of Radiology, the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists and Chinese societies of imaging technology, nuclear medicine and ultrasound. Ji Qi, president of the Chinese society, also was president of the organizing committee. Xiaoyuan Feng, president-elect of the society, was scientific chairman.

The two lectures organized by the ISR, the Beclere lecture and the Fuchs lecture, were presented by A. James Barkovich of San Francisco, California in the USA, and by Dai Jing Pian of Beijing, China. The ISR presented its highest honors, Beclere medals, to the retiring past president, Claude Manelfe of Toulouse, France, and Rolf Guenther of Aachen, Germany.

GORAD COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

Selected articles from electronic publication in 19 leading radiology publications in 11 countries have concluded the first year of linkage with the GoRad project in the ISR website.

The editors and sponsoring societies of the participating journals select one or more articles specifically related to basic diagnostic radiology practice from each issue. The chosen articles are listed in the ISR website. Anyone reviewing the list and wishing to read a listed article, can link to the electronic version of the cited article. The GoRad articles are available via linkage and at

no cost, even if other access to a journal content is limited to subscribers.

Eric Stern of the University of Washington in Seattle in the US, who devised GoRad, reported that he anticipates adding several other journals during the second year of GoRad listing. The access is via www.isradiology.org/gorad.

E-LEARNING FOR TEACHING

More than 700 persons viewing the ISR website have watched a new electronic presentation, "How to make the best of e-learning for teaching." The course is the first of its kind, prepared by Tercer Termino, the Argentine company which provides the technical production and management for the ISR website.

The course provides concepts, explanations and activities related to education in general with references to health topics with technical aspects distinguishing electronic presentations from other forms of teaching. It contains three modules (1) teaching and learning in environments related to medicine (2) web based learning, and (3) tools used in e-learning. Approximately three hours is the recommended time for full participation in all three modules.

ICRP OFFERS PUBLICATIONS ON RADIATION SAFETY

Two new publications on radiation protection were released for distribution early in 2010 after completion the previous year.

ICRP 111, "Application of the Commission's Recommendations to the Protection of People Living in Long-term contaminated areas after a Nuclear Accident or a Radiation Emergency," and ICRP 112, "Preventing Accidental Exposures from New External Beam Radiation Therapy Technologies," are both available from the ICRP's publisher, Elsevier, in sales offices in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, Oxford, Britain, Tokyo, Japan, and Singapore. These current publications are issued as part of a subscription series by the ICRP and also may be obtained as separate publications. The price of publication 112 is \$111 US. The annual cost of an ICRP subscription, normally including four publications, is \$244 US, with adjustments for other currencies.

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PEDIATRIC X-RAY EXAMINATIONS POSTER

The Carestream Health Company, a marketer of x-ray films and other imaging products, has joined with the ISR and the International Commission on Radiological Protection in the

distribution of a poster outlining techniques for pediatric patient examinations. This was devised a decade ago by Hans Ringertz, now the ISR past president, and then a member of an ICRP committee.

Carestream has prepared the poster, intentionally in several languages, and plans to distribute it through its market distribution system to x-ray facilities in various countries. A sample is attached to this Newsletter.

FIRST AFRICAN SOCIETY CONVENTION

The first African Society of Radiology congress has been rescheduled for 21-13 January 2011 in Tripoli, Libya, advised Hassen Gharbi of Tunis, ASR president. The meeting will be cosponsored by the Maghrebian Federation of Radiology and Medical Imaging.

MEETINGS

The French Society of Radiology will hold the Journées Françaises de Radiologie 2010 and will be held from: 22 to 26 October 2010 Palais des Congrès – porte Maillot Paris, France. The focus of the meeting is emergency care imaging. Details for registration are available at www.sfrnet.org.

The Hong Kong College of Radiologists will sponsor its 18th annual scientific meeting 30 and 31 October at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in Hong Kong. The focus sessions will include chest, neuroradiology and neurointervention, thoracic oncology and nuclear medicine. Details for paper submission and registration are available at <http://www.hkcr.org>.

The Spanish and Portuguese societies of neuroradiologia will hold their 39th reunion of the Spanish group and 6th meeting of the Portuguese group 11 to 13 November of this year in Badajoz, Spain. Presentations will be in Spanish. Details about the program and registration are available at www.geyseco.es/senr2010.

The third Intensive Diagnostic Course in the Davos group will be held in Anavyssos, Greece, a city near Athens, on 30 September to 3 October of this year. The course will include 16 workshops. Attendance is limited to 350 registrants. Information about the content and registration can be obtained from www.idkd.org.

The Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine will hold its 2011 meeting 2-5 June in Washington DC, USA. The meeting combines networking, hands-on learning and research. For information the website is siim2011@siimweb.org.

The 8th Balkan Congress of Radiology (BCR 2010) will be held 29-31 October in Alexandroupoli,

Greece. Website: www.bcr2010.gr

“This event will give a unique opportunity to all participants to update knowledge on important radiologic topics. Radiologists, medical doctors of different specialties and professionals of other sciences including radiologic technologists can all take part in this congress,” wrote Panagiotis Prassopoulos, president of BCR 2010 and professor of radiology in the host medical school of Alexandroupoli.



Hassen Gharbi, of Tunis, Tunisia, received a special award from his national government in July for his distinguished service to medicine in Tunisia and recognition of his other contributions.